

REMARKS

Claims 1-58 are pending in application. Of those, claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9-10, 13, 16-17, 19, 21-22, 24, 26, 29-31, 33-40, 42, 44-45, 47-48, 51, and 54 were examined, while claims 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 28, 32, 41, 43, 46, 49, 50, 52, 53 and 55-58 were withdrawn from consideration in response to a restriction requirement.

Of the examined claims, claims 1-3, 5, 7, 9, 10, 13, 16, 17, 19, 21, 22, 24, 26, 29-31 and 33-38 have been allowed. Claims 39, 40, 42, 44, 47 and 51 stand rejected, and are cancelled by this amendment without prejudice to their prosecution in related applications. Claims 45, 48 and 54 were objected to, and have been rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening dependant claims.

Of the withdrawn claims, claims 41, 43, 46, 49, 50, 52, 53 and 55-58 were independent or depend from claims that have not yet been indicated to be allowed. Those claims are therefore cancelled by this amendment without prejudice to their prosecution in related applications. Previously withdrawn claims 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 28, 32 appear to depend from generic claims that have been allowed, and are therefore believed to be entitled to consideration since they include all the limitations of allowed generic claims as provided by 37 C.F.R. 1.141. Such consideration of those claims is hereby respectfully requested.

In view of the above, all of the pending claims are believed to have been allowed or are believed to be entitled to consideration and passage to allowance. Favorable consideration of the amended application is therefore respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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